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REPORT NO.

COUNTRY East Germany

TOPIC Military Information from Rostock

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EVALUATION see below. PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1C

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

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DATE PREPARED 6 June 1953

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURES (NO. &amp; TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. Between 11 May and 2 June 1953, the Putlitz Kaserne, Rostock, was occupied by an estimated 1,200 to 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. On 18 May, a truck towing a 100-mm AT gun, and 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying signal equipment were seen entering the installation. On 27 May, truck [REDACTED] towing a 100-mm AT gun entered the installation and a truck towing a 76.2-mm AT gun was seen en route to the installation. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were seen en route to the installation.

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2. From 11 May to 2 June, the barracks installation on Ulmen Strasse was occupied by an estimated 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia; and, a few, black-bordered crimson epaulets. Source did not observe any naval personnel during the period under review. On 18 May, trucks [REDACTED] towing 76.2-mm AT guns entered the installation. On 20 May, 15 soldiers carrying signal equipment left the installation. At 2:15 p.m., trucks [REDACTED] occupied by troops and towing 3 x 76.2-mm AT guns; and, at 3 p.m., trucks [REDACTED] occupied by troops and towing 3 x 76.2-mm AT guns, entered the installation. On 31 May, about 240 soldiers wearing red-bordered epaulets marched to the installation and, on 2 June, about 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, armed with submachine guns and carrying practice targets and 12 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and armed with submachine guns and 2 light machine guns.

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3. At 10 a.m. on 28 May, four trucks towing 57-mm AT guns left the Putlitz Kaserne, Rostock, toward the racecourse. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] were occupied by each 6 to 8 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The trucks were later seen camouflaged in the wooded area southwest of the installation. The guns were emplaced by troops wearing gas masks. Eight trucks towing 76.2-mm AT guns, which had come

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from the Putlitz Kaserne, were seen at the racecourse. Each 8 to 10 soldiers wearing gas masks practiced loading on 12 x 100-mm AT guns in the installation. At 11:30 a.m. on 29 May, about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were cleaning 19 x 57-mm AT guns in front of the motor vehicle sheds on Memeler Strasse. Intensive activity was observed in the installation. Three groups, each of about 20 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets were singing, about 30 soldiers were falling in, probably for a roll call; and two groups of about 25 soldiers each received theoretical instruction in the open. Trucks [redacted] were seen en route to the installation.

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Comment. According to this information, the units of 3d Gds At Arty Brig, prior to early June, can be carried in their quarters as indicated in a report by this and another source in early May.

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